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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
3. One (1) return postcard; and
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